## **CLOSE ARGUMENT IN** RAILROAD TAX CASES

Early Decision Is Expected from the State Corporation Commission.

LAWYERS' ABLE SPEECHES

great arguments submitted to the Corporation Commission in the railroad tax cases on Thursday, attorneys for the opposing sides spent nearly four hours in further discussing the subject yesterday, when the commission took it under advisement, with prospects of an early decision.

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The matter is one of sweeping importance to the companies, as well as to the State, and there is much occasion for an early opinion, as pending a settlement of the question the cierk of the commission has had to refrain from making up the new assessments upon the property of the roads involved. He has completed this work with reference to the smaller lines, which will not be affected, whatever shall be the decision of the commission, and will begin on the others as soon as the opinion is handed down. It will be recalled that prior to the fixing of the assessments for the present year the Attorney-General notified the commission of his intentions to move to change the basis, and this motion was predicated upon the assessment of last year.

There were four speeches yesterday.

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In No Defiant Spirit.

Those of the railroad attorneys were more in the nature of pathetic appeals for mercy than along the line of defiance of State authority, and they all pointed out eloquently and carnestly that the proposition of the Attorney-General, if carried into effect, would almost, if not quite wipe out the earnings of the companies, so far as Virginia business is concerned. They did, however, absolutely deny the authority of the commission to assess the franchise of a railroad company, and they cited the Constitution in support of this denial. The Attorney-General admitted in his argument that the franchise of a railroad cannot be assessed for taxation by the commission, but his proposition is to tax the companies on the market value of their stocks and bonds, first capitalizing the franchise tax and deducting it from such valuation. He would capitalize the franchise tax on a basis of \$1.25 on the \$100, which is regarded as the minimum average tax paid for all purposes in Virginia, both State and local.

Mr. Luclen H. Cocke, representing the Norfolk and Western, was the first speaker when the commission convened at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Cocke had before him the statistics submitted by the Attorney-General, and he discussed them at some length, undertaking to break down the deductions drawn therefrom. He declared that in view of the increased cost of labor and all kinds of materials, and of operating expenses in general, his road could not stand an increase of its taxes at this time.

Mr. Hunton Speaks.

Hon. Eppa Hunton, Jr., appeared for In No Definat Spirit.



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Professor Hugo Münsterberg, of Harvard,

has made a special application of the

principles of psychology to the study of

criminals and to the value of evidence.

He has made several marvelous experi-

ments, the most important of which

were with a multi-murderer in a Wes-

tern penitentiary. The description of

these experiments has been awaited with

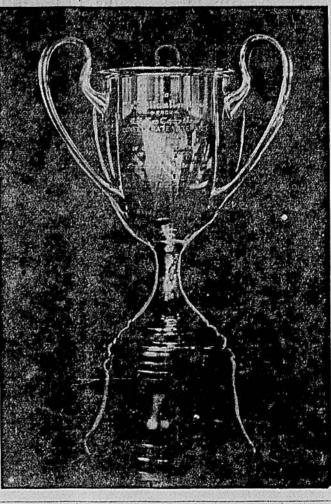
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ganization of a National Independence League was decided upon at a meeting to-day of representatives of State In-

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### FIRST DIVISION OF PACIFIC FLEET IN

Californians Give Cruiser Squadron Great Welcome in Golden Gate.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., September 27.—The first division of the Pacific fleet, the foreguard of the American Navy, which is to assemble in Pacific

fleet, the foreguard of the American Navy, which is to assemble in Pacific coast waters Thursday and Friday, steamed through the Golden Gate at sunrise to-day. The four cruisers passed the heads in file formation, led by the flagship West Virginia, flying at her masthead the two-star red flag of the commander of the fleet, Rear-Admiral James H. Dayton.

In her wake came the Colorado, Maryland and Pennsylvania. The arrival of these ships marked the end of a 35,000 mile cruise, which began at Newport, R. I., last September, Thousands of citizens were gathered along the water and on the hills commanding a view of the bay. Oblivious of the fact that they could not be distinguished from the decks, the spectators signalled a welcome to the huge white machines by waving hats and handkerchiefs. As fleecy puffs of smoke rose and drifted from the mouths of the six-pounder saluting guns of the West Virginia, the onlookers cheered.

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This afternoon a joint committee of 100 men, prominent in the political, business and social life of San Francisco and nearby cities, boarded the West Virginia to welcome Admiral Dayton and the officers of the fleet. United States Senator Perkins made a brief formal address of welcome.

Orders were received at the Mare Island Navy-Yard to-day to place the cruisers Cincinnati and Raleigh out of commission. These vessels arrived from the Asiatic station last month and are in need of extensive repairs. The crews will be transferred to the cruiser California, which is now short of men, and any surplus will be received on the South Dakota, soon to be commissioned.

WELL KNOWN INVENTOR DEAD.

Samuel J. Evans, Who Had Invented Many Useful Devices.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ROANOKE, VA., September 27.—
Samuel J. Evans, one of the most prominent and best known citizens of Itoanoke, died suddenly this morning from acute indigestion.

Mr. Evans had remarkable inventive genius. Several of his inventions sold for large amounts, and he had just completed a postal cancelling machine which had been approved by the government. He was a native of Columbia, S. C., but had resided in Roanoke twenty years. He was forty-cight years of age. He leaves a wife and three daughters.

#### OBITUARY.

DR. J. HAMILTON BROWNING.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., September 27.—Dr. James Himilton Browning, a prominent surgeon and professor of abdominal surgery in the University of Virginia, died this morning after an illness of four months.

Last May he underwent an operation for appendicitis at the hands of Dr. Stuart McGuire, of Richmond. For a time it seemed certain that he would recover, but tuberculosis developed in the wound, and his life has been de-

NEAGLE.—Died, September 26, 1907, at her residence, 3800 Lester Street, MARY M., wife of John T. Neagle. She leaves two children, Joseph V. and Rita Neagle.

The funeral will take place THIS (Saturday) MORNING at 10 o'clock from St. Patrick's Church, with requiem mass. Interment in Mt. Calvary.

TRATTON.—Died, on Thursday, the 28th of September, at 7 P. M., C. W. BTRATTON. The remains will be taken to Co-lumbia for burial THIS MORNING.

NEW YORK, September 27.—Hen M. Fingler, vice-president of the Stan ard Oil Company, who was report to be seriously ill at Bretton Wood N. H. was at his office in this of

### Features of Sunday Times - Dispatch

Prize verse in great Limerick Contest, and other

A great lot of comics, including "Buster Brown," in colors, "Her Name Was Maud," in colors, "Mr. Batch," in colors, "Happy Hooligan," "Jimmy," and Animaldom.

Mr. Dooley, on Insult to the Japanese. Mr. Dooley says to Hinnissy: If annything happens over here that don't seem just right, th' pa-aper I r-read remarks: Such a state iv things wadden't be tol'rated in England, f'r a minyit. There are moments Hinnissy, whin I'm ra-aly depressed about this here whin I r-read about th' outbreak in Vancouver I give a hearty laugh, "Well," says thin annywan else. I wondher will Japan declare war again England? She cud aisily lick us, but can she lick ivrybody at wanst?"

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Smart fashions for the fall. A sensational novel, "The Millionaire Girl."

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Colonel Peters's narrative in the Confederate Column.

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